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MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Director, Geographic and Cartographic Research
SUBJECT : Campus Visits

1. I request permission to visit the Departments of Geography at the University of Colorado and the USAF Academy during the week of 18-22 April 1977. I have received invitations from both departments. These visits are in response to Office and Directorate initiatives to establish a closer professional relationship with academic institutions.

2. More specifically, through these visits I hope to
a) increase my knowledge of their ongoing and planned research projects and current methodologies, b) become more familiar with the professional interests and areas of expertise of the faculty members, c) discuss the level of training we look for in prospective employees, and d) to do whatever I can to improve the image of the Agency in the eyes of these influential colleagues.

3. My interest in learning more about their individual areas of expertise is sharpened by the hope that we may be able to call on them sometime in the future to assist us in some of our own research projects. This could be accomplished either through external research contracts or by a scholar-in-residence program. I would like to have one or more residencies for faculty members each summer (or at other times of the year if the academic schedules would allow it) much like our summer intern arrangement for graduate students. With such a program in mind, I would during these campus visits attempt to learn who of the faculty members might be - and who clearly would not be interested in working with us.

4. In discussing the education and level of skill we expect of new employees, I will probably be asked to say something about the kind of research accomplished by Agency geographers, our sources of information, and our customers. None of this will require divulging classified information.

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5. Costs: approximately three days per diem (\$105.00), round trip transportation, Washington-Denver-Academy (\$272.00).

6. Following the campus visits I plan to go, at my own expense, to the Association of American Geographers meeting at Salt Lake City. I also plan two days of annual leave following the meeting.

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